

REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

Claims 1-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has found the terms "decoder", "inhibiting", "preventing", and "KEYCMD signal" problematic. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as such terms are amply reflected in the Specification.

Regarding the term "decoder", Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to the Specification wherein this term, and variants thereof, are used frequently. See, for example, Specification at pp. 3, 11, 12, 17, 23, 24, 26, 32, 36, 44, 53-56, and 57. Of specific interest to the Examiner may be the passage at page 12, line 16 through page 13, line 2.

Regarding the terms "inhibiting" and "preventing", Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to the Specification wherein these terms are utilized and the functionality these terms describe is detailed. See, for example, Specification at page 20, line 4; page 30, line 23; page 39, line 17; and page 52, line 9. Additionally, the Examiner may be interested in the passages at page 22, line 13 through page 23, line 7; page 27, lines 14-20; and page 42, line 16 through page 43, line 2.

Regarding the term "KEYCMD signal", Applicants note that an understanding of this signal is important in understanding Applicants' invention. The KEYCMD signal is discussed in the Specification on each of pages 18-30, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, and 45-52. Instructive flow diagrams are provided in Figs. 5 and 8.

The Examiner is invited to discuss this matter further with Applicants' undersigned representative should confusion as to these terms persist.

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Respectfully submitted,

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